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Dear Mom & Dad,

I guess we won't try to come out next week. I would have to go to California and this would leave too short a time for Oregon and Washington. Rather than rush about for a week we will plan to come out this summer and maybe spend some time at the cabin.

I have been busy giving presentations lately trying to explain how I spend \$600,000 per year. The fellow last week liked my program and is arranging for me to give a presentation to Admiral Kidd, the second most important man in the Navy.

The weather was cool over the weekend and we burned a lot of logs. Now it is quite warm and there are thunderstorms. It is like summer when the rain doesn't lower the temperature.

We hope Mary is feeling O.K. Maybe the baby will have arrived by the time we come out. The move to Hawaii looks very unlikely at this time. We are thinking of moving closer to my work but haven't had time to look for a house yet.

We plan to go up to Washington on Saturday and look at the Cherry blossoms. They are very pretty but don't last long. We haven't been to the library for a while and I'm anxious to look for more information on ancestors. Next week we will go out to a French restaurant since it is Vickie's vacation and close to my birthday! We always have a cocktail, appetizer, soup, main course with a bottle of wine, desert, coffee, and an after-dinner drink. So, it is easy to spend over two hours in the restaurant. We are signing up to see two operas at the Kennedy Center - The Mikado and Marriage of Figaro. Love, Jim & Vickie